



DIVISION OF MEDICAID AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

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Jason Helgeson
Deputy Commissioner
Office of Health Insurance Programs
New York State Department of Health
Corning Tower (OCP 1211)
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

Dear Commissioner Helgeson:

This is to notify you that New York State Plan Amendment (SPA) #13-25 has been approved for adoption into the State Medicaid Plan with an effective date of April 1, 2013. This SPA continues the following cost savings measures enacted previously: the cap on administrative and general component of rates for certified home health agencies and freestanding diagnostic and treatment centers, to exclude expenses related to staff housing and forty-four percent of major moveable equipment from the capital cost per visit component of hospital outpatient and emergency department rates, and continues home health care Medicare maximization initiatives provided on or after April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2015.

This SPA approval consists of 8 pages. As New York requested, we are approving the following Attachment 4.19-B Pages which were submitted by the state on June 21, 2013: Attachment 4.19-B Page 1(b), 4(2), 4(a)(iii), 4(a)(iii)(A), 4(a)(iv), 4(a)(iv)(2) and 4(a)(v); and Page 4(a)(iv)(1) which was submitted by the state on August 14, 2013. In addition, we are processing the SPA using the HCFA-179 which was provided by the state to CMS on August 14, 2013.

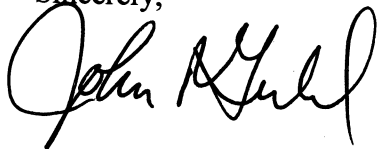
We understand New York is working to complete its upper payment limit (UPL) demonstration for these services and expects to have this information to CMS shortly. This UPL information is necessary for continued processing of pending amendments and will bring the state into compliance with the SMD letter. CMS will not approve further amendments concerning these services absent to the UPL information and may take additional actions.

Enclosed are copies of SPA 13-25 and the HCFA-179 form, as approved.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this SPA further, please contact Shing Jew at (212) 616-2426 or Joanne Hounsell at (212) 616-2446.

Approval letter – NY SPA 13-25 (*continued*)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Guhl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Guhl" clearly distinguishable.

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Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosures: HCFA 179 Form
State Plan Pages

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